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WALHALLA NATIONAL FISH HATCHERY CONVEYANCE ACT

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 3546) to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Walhalla National Fish Hatchery to the State of South Carolina.

The Clerk read as follows:

Page 1, after line 2 insert:

TITLE I—WALHALLA NATIONAL FISH
HATCHERY

Page 2, line 1, strike out "SECTION 1" and insert "SEC. 101".

Page 2, line 4, strike out "SEC. 2" and insert "SEC. 102".

Page 3, after line 7 insert:

TITLE II—CORRECTION OF COASTAL
BARRIER RESOURCES MAP

SEC. 201. CORRECTIONS OF MAP.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall make such corrections to the set of maps described in subsection (b) as are necessary to move the southern-most boundary of Unit SC-01 of the Coastal Barrier Resources System (known as the "Long Pond Unit") to exclude from the Unit the structures known as "Lands End", "Beachwalk", and "Courtyard Villas", including the land lying between the structures. The corrected southern boundary shall extend in a straight line, at the break in development, between the coast and the north boundary of the unit.

(b) MAPS.—The set of maps described in this subsection is the set of maps entitled "Coastal Barrier Resources System" dated October 24, 1990, insofar as the maps relate to Unit SC-01 of the Coastal Barrier Resources System.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. SAXTON] and the gentleman from California [Mr. MILLER] each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. SAXTON].

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Mr. SAXTON asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, on July 30 of this year, the House overwhelmingly adopted H.R. 3546, a bill introduced by our colleague, LINDSEY GRAHAM, to transfer the Walhalla National Fish Hatchery to the State of South Carolina.

This noncontroversial bill is nearly identical to measures the House has approved to transfer certain Federal fish hatcheries to non-Federal control.

This hatchery, which is about 78 acres, is currently being operated by the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources under a long-term agreement with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Without this agreement, the Service would have closed the hatchery because it is no longer an essential component of its nationwide stocking program.

The other body has now acted on H.R. 3546 and while they made no changes in the Walhalla provision, they

did add a new title which makes technical changes to the Coastal Barrier Resources System.

In fact, they have specifically redrawn the boundaries of unit 01 in South Carolina to delete certain properties, known as Beachwalk, Courtyard Villas, and Lands End, from the System. It is my understanding that there were structures on these properties prior to the passage of the Coastal Barrier Improvement Act of 1990. It is, therefore, appropriate to correct this mistake and to remove this property from the System because it does not satisfy the criteria for inclusion.

Finally, I would advise my colleagues that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has indicated they support this modification to the Coastal Barrier Resource System. This is the second time we have removed property from the System this year. In each instance, we have done so without undermining the fundamental goals of this important environmental law.

I urge a vote in favor of this legislation and I compliment LINDSEY GRAHAM for his outstanding leadership on behalf of his South Carolina constituents.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Mr. MILLER of California asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, we join in the support of this legislation on the Walhalla National Fish Hatchery Conveyance Act. The committee did report out the legislation, and we think it does make sense to allow for the transfer of this hatchery. We have no objections to the legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I have not further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. SAXTON] that the House suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendments to the bill, H.R. 3546.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the Senate amendments were concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the Senate amendments to H.R. 3546.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

There was no objection.

NATIONAL UNDERGROUND RAILROAD FREEDOM CENTER

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4073) to authorize the National Park Service to coordinate programs with, provide technical assistance to, and enter into cooperative agreements with, the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati, OH, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 4073

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. FINDINGS.

The Congress finds that—

(1) the story of the Underground Railroad, which links historical themes related to slavery, the desire for freedom, inter-racial cooperation, and the African-American experience, is unique and nationally significant;

(2) elements of the story of the Underground Railroad are not adequately represented and protected;

(3) an entity to interpret and preserve the story of the Underground Railroad is appropriate and necessary; and

(4) the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati, Ohio, has been established to commemorate historic themes related to slavery, the desire for freedom, inter-racial cooperation, and the African-American experience and to relate these themes to the ongoing struggle for freedom among men, women, and children around the world.

SEC. 2. PURPOSES.

The purposes of this Act are—

(1) to recognize the importance of the Underground Railroad, the sacrifices made by those in search of freedom from tyranny and oppression, and the sacrifices made by those who helped those individuals in search of freedom;

(2) to encourage and assist the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati, Ohio, in becoming a principal interpretive center of the Underground Railroad experience in the United States; and

(3) to provide a role for the Federal Government in enhancing public understanding and appreciation of the Underground Railroad and in preserving the many resources of the Underground Railroad.

SEC. 3. COORDINATION OF PROGRAMS; TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE; AFFILIATED STATUS.

(a) COORDINATION OF PROGRAMS.—The Secretary of the Interior may coordinate the Underground Railroad interpretive programs of the National Park Service with the interpretive activities of the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center (in this Act referred to as the "Center"), which is to be built in Cincinnati, Ohio, and is to be devoted to the story of the Underground Railroad.

(b) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary may provide technical assistance to the Center in developing the interpretive programs of the Center.

(c) RELATIONSHIP TO NATIONAL PARK SERVICE.—The Secretary shall treat the Center as an affiliated area of the National Park System.

SEC. 4. COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS; PARTNERSHIP.

(a) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary of the Interior may enter into cooperative agreements with the State of Ohio, the city of Cincinnati, Ohio, and other public or private entities to provide technical assistance to the Center.